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ANALYSIS OF LIPID METABOLISM AND  
SCREENING OF PHARMACEUTICAL AND  
PESTICIDAL AGENTS THAT MODULATE  
LIPID METABOLISM

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97 to inform the Patent and Trademark Office of all references coming to the attention of each individual associated with the filing or prosecution of the subject application, which are or may be material to the patentability of any claim of the application, Attorneys for Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to references AA-BZ listed on the attached revised form PTO 1449 entitled "List of References Cited by Applicant." Copies of references AA-BZ are submitted herewith.

Identification of the listed references is not to be construed an admission of Applicants or Attorneys for Applicants that such references are available as "prior art" against the subject application. Consequently, Applicants respectfully decline to use form PTO-1449, since this form identifies all of the references cited therein as "Prior Art." As an alternative, Applicants submit herewith several pages of a "revised form PTO 1449" entitled "List of References Cited" instead of "List of Prior Art Cited."

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the foregoing references and that the references be made of record in the file history of the application.

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